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Enclosed are:

- ☒ Six (6) Sheets of drawings.
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to: Mani, Inc.
- ☐ A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-231267 filed July 31, 2000.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ This entity qualifies for small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.
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